IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method of billing for real time transcription of spoken words to a textual format comprising:

communicatively coupling a computer aided transcription system to a remote system;

identifying, by the remote system, the computer aided transcription system communicatively coupled thereto;

communicating, by the remote system, to the computer aided transcription system an authorization for a predetermined amount of transcription;

transcribing, by the computer aided transcription system, representations of spoken words to text in real time; and

disabling, by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing after the predetermined amount of transcription has been reached.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising indicating by the computer aided transcription system that the predetermined amount of transcription is about to be reached.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising charging by the remote system a credit card for the predetermined amount of transcription.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising generating by the remote system a bill for the predetermined amount of transcription.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising enabling by the computer aided transcription system the transcribing after a payment is made to the remote system.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the enabling is responsive to a communication from the remote system.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the predetermined amount of transcription is based on one of time transcription, number of words transcribed, and number of pages transcribed.

8.   (Previously Presented) A method of billing for real time transcription of spoken words to a textual format comprising:

        transcribing, by a computer aided transcription system, representations of spoken words to text in real time;

        monitoring by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing; and

        disabling, by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing after a predetermined amount of transcription has been reached.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising indicating by the computer aided transcription system that the predetermined amount of transcription is about to be reached.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the predetermined amount of transcription is based on one of time of transcription, number of words transcribed and number of pages transcribed.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising:

        communicatively coupling the computer aided transcription system to a remote system;

        identifying by the remote system the computer aided transcription system communicatively coupled thereto; [[and]]

        communicating by the remote system to the computer aided transcription system an authorization for a further predetermined amount of transcription; and

enabling by the computer aided transcription system the transcribing.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the communicating is responsive to payment for the further predetermined amount of transcription.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein payment is made pursuant to at least one of a credit card payment to and a bill generated by the remote system.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising:

        communicatively coupling the computer aided transcription system to a remote system; and

        generating by the remote system a bill for the predetermined amount of transcription.

15.   (Currently Amended) A method of billing for transcription of spoken words to a textual format comprising:

        communicatively coupling a computer aided transcription system to a remote system;

        transcribing by the computer aided transcription system representations of spoken words to text;

        communicating by the computer aided transcription system the text to the remote system;

        communicatively coupling a terminal to the remote system;

        communicating by the remote system at least a portion of the text to the terminal;

ceasing communications by the remote system to the terminal after a predetermined amount of transcription has been reached; and

        generating a bill based on the ~~monitoring.~~ amount of transcription.

16.   (Canceled)

17.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein ~~the monitoring~~ generating a bill based on the amount of transcription comprises determining one of the amount of time the remote system is communicating text to the terminal, the number of pages of transcript the

remote system is communicating to the terminal, and the number of words the remote system is communicating to the terminal.

18.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising storing by the remote system in memory the text communicated from the computer aided transcription system.

19.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising retrieving the text from memory.

20.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the communicating of the text to the terminal is in real time.

21.   (Currently Amended) A method of billing for real time transcription of spoken words to a textual format, comprising:

communicating to a computer aided transcription system an authorization for real time transcription of spoken words; and

automatically indicating for a user of a computer the computer aided transcription system that an amount of real time transcription of spoken words has occurred.

22.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein communicating to the computer aided transcription system occurs prior to automatically indicating that the amount of real time transcription of spoken words has occurred.

23.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein communicating to the computer aided transcription system the authorization for an amount of real time transcription, includes:

communicatively coupling the computer aided transcription system to a remote system;

identifying, by the remote system, the computer aided transcription system communicatively coupled thereto; and

communicating, by the remote system, to the computer aided transcription system an authorization for predetermined amount of transcription.

24.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

transcribing, by the computer aided transcription system, representations of spoken words to text in real time; and

disabling, by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing after the predetermined amount of transcription has been reached.

25.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising charging by the remote system a credit card for the predetermined amount of transcription.

26.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 further comprising enabling transcription by the computer aided transcription system after an electronic payment is made.

27.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the amount of transcription is based on one of time transcription, number of words transcribed, and number of pages transcribed.

28.   (New) The method of claim 21 wherein automatically indicating for a user of the computer aided transcription system that an amount of real time transcription of spoken words has occurred includes automatically providing information regarding purchase of transcription related services.